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In re Patent Application of:

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For: VARIABLE POWER OPTICAL SYSTEM AND  
IMAGE-RECORDING DEVICE

Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.